

REMARKS

Election of species

The Examiner has required a two part election of species.

- (I) The Examiner asserts the application contains claims directed to more than one species of NGF responsive genes of the generic invention and has required the election of two NGF responsive gene.

Applicant elects with traverse substance P (up-regulated) and galanin (down-regulated). Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant request consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

- (II) The Examiner asserts the application contains claims directed to more than species of neurons of the generic invention and has required the election of a single neuron species.

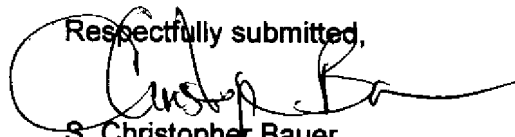
Applicant elects with traverse nociceptive neurons of the Dorsal Root Ganglia (nociceptive). Claims 1-32 read on the elected species. Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant request consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

Conclusion

Claims 1-32 are pending. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that all claims now pending in the present application are in condition for allowance.

Therefore, swift passage of the application and claims to issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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